

Data Sheet

USAID Mission:	Eurasia Regional
Program Title:	Health Promotion and Care
Pillar:	Global Health
Strategic Objective:	110-0320
Proposed FY 2004 Obligation:	\$4,662,000 FSA
Prior Year Unobligated:	\$281,000 FSA
Proposed FY 2005 Obligation:	\$1,261,000 FSA
Year of Initial Obligation:	FY 1998
Year of Final Obligation:	FY 2008

Summary: The health of the people and the capacity of the health systems have generally worsened in the Eurasia region. The regional program makes USAID's health investments more cost-effective by enhancing and securing the results of the bilateral programs and by filling critical gaps not addressed through country-specific programs. Through technical assistance, training, analysis, and outreach, the programs increase knowledge for region-wide reform efforts and assure the application of critical health information across the region. This objective reflects the high priority given to controlling HIV/AIDS, while recognizing the importance of seeing the fight against HIV/AIDS within the context of broader health issues and health care systems.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2004 Program:

Prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS and expand care and treatment programs (\$1,820,000 FSA, \$140,000 FSA carryover). Cross-border activities to control the epidemic include regional training, NGO capacity building, and technical assistance. YouthNet seeks to reach youth with HIV information and education services. It builds regional capacity to implement peer education programs and to empower youth to become active partners in the effort to control the epidemic. Regional funds will provide short-term, targeted technical assistance to support countries applying for grants from the Global Fund to fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (GFATM), as well as the implementation of GFATM activities. The Mother-to-Child-Transmission (MTCT) activity in Odessa, Ukraine will be transformed into a regional MCTC training center. USAID also will support a regional National Health Accounts Training Network, especially related to HIV/AIDS issues. USAID further will finance: inputs to an updated E&E regional health strategy; a regional assessment of HIV/AIDS activities to date; a workshop on antiretroviral (ARV) therapy; exploration of regional HIV/AIDS networks; and sharing of lessons learned at a regional health officers' workshop. Principal contractors, grantees and agencies include: Ministries of Health in Eurasia, Family Health International, Synergy Project, GFATM, and the American International Health Alliance (AIHA)

Control the spread of drug-susceptible and drug resistant tuberculosis (TB) and other infectious diseases (\$617,000 FSA, \$47,000 FSA carryover). The regional program includes efforts to promote high level political support for expanded implementation of the International/DOTS (Directly Observed Treatment Short Course) TB control strategy. USAID will design and establish a regional TB network to improve the sharing of best practices, including experience with MDR-TB. Regional funds will support translation, replication, and dissemination of international technical documents and protocols essential for effective TB control. There also will be targeted, short-term technical assistance to countries preparing TB proposals for the GFATM and for GFATM implementation. AIHA will promote practices and regulations to control nosocomial infections and develop a model safe-blood volunteer donor program. Other regional activities include inputs related to an updated regional health strategy and a regional health officers' workshop. Principal contractors, grantees, and agencies include Ministries of Health in Eurasia, World Health Organization, Tuberculosis Coalition for Technical Assistance, and AIHA.

Address critical health issues related to child survival, maternal health, vulnerable children and other causes of mortality and morbidity (\$1,630,000 FSA, \$47,000 FSA carryover). Funds will support prevention of iodine deficiency disorder (IDD), the leading preventable cause of mental retardation in Eurasia. Regional funding for the Eurasia Health Partnership Program will support regional workshops, information exchange through 123 learning resource centers, the development and dissemination of primary care clinical practice guidelines, nursing care, emergency medical training, quality management techniques, the sharing of best practices and the network of 17 neonatal resuscitation training centers in six countries. Other activities include an assessment of the causes and trends in morbidity and mortality focusing on infants, children, and cardiovascular disease; and inputs to an updated regional health strategy and a regional health officers' workshop. Principal grantees and agencies include AIHA, Kiwanis, and UNICEF.

Strengthen reproductive health care (RHC) (\$595,000 FSA, \$46,559 FSA carryover). The regional program links RHC in 24 women's wellness centers and 22 primary health care centers. The network identifies and shares lessons learned and develops treatment guidelines to improve the RHC in the region. AIHA will continue to disseminate reproductive health information through its publications program and EurasiaHealth Network website, and monitor the effectiveness of reproductive health partnership activities. Principal cooperating agency is American International Health Alliance. All family planning agreements will incorporate clauses that implement the President's directive reinstating the Mexico City Policy.

FY 2005 Program:

Prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS (\$300,000 FSA). YouthNet and targeted support to GFATM-related activities will be continued. Assistance related to care and support activities will be expanded and a regional HIV/AIDS network will be launched. Additional analysis will inform effective program implementation. AIHA will continue its support to the regional MTCT training and information dissemination activities.

Control the spread of TB and other infectious diseases (\$100,000 FSA). USAID expects to strengthen regional TB networks, continue targeted assistance for GFATM-related activities and continue its infection control information dissemination activities.

Improve child survival, maternal health and health reform (\$761,000 FSA). Funding will consolidate efforts to reduce IDD and address the major causes of under-five mortality and morbidity. AIHA will continue information dissemination in the areas of primary care and neonatal resuscitation.

Strengthen RHC (\$100,000 FSA). AIHA will continue to maintain RHC networks and disseminate information relating to reproductive health.

Performance and Results: The Odessa Oblast Hospital has demonstrated a 75% reduction in the rate of HIV transmission from infected mothers to their infants since 2001. Seven hundred sixty-five peer educators from 27 countries have been trained through YouthNet since 2002 and they reached approximately 31,000 at-risk youth with HIV prevention and education messages in 2003. The final report from the E&E regional TB evaluation was completed and recommendations are being incorporated into bilateral programs. Four infection control centers trained 4,234 epidemiologists and practitioners to reduce provider-caused infections and drug resistance. USAID launched a program to develop and disseminate clinical guidelines to diagnose and treat sexually transmitted infections and completed the Russian translation of the European STI guidelines. A 12-country report entitled "Reproductive, Maternal and Child Health in Eastern Europe and Eurasia: A Comparative Report" confirmed the direct relationship between the availability of modern contraception and reductions in abortion rates. In 2003, Carelift delivered \$4 million in goods and services, bringing the FY 2000 - FY 2003 total to \$12.3 million. Reflecting progress on the UNICEF/Kiwanis IDD programs, Georgia reported that 67.5% of its households are now using adequately iodized salt, up from 19% in 1999. AIHA's EurasiaHealth Web site received over 20,000 unique visitors per month.